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One million free meals for New York storm victims

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York yesterday started handing out one million meals to poor and elderly people struggling in the dark fallout of superstorm Sandy.

National Guard troops and New York police will also go into the city's high rise apartment blocks to knock on doors and see who needs help, mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

The Red Cross said it had deployed 12 mobile kitchens capable of preparing 200,000 meals a day and the government is also setting up a giant operation.

"I am going to join them now in bringing one million meals to New York, one million meals believe it or not," New York state governor Andrew Cuomo told a press conference.

Though New York is slowly getting moving again after the storm hit Monday, the devastation is still widely felt. Many private groups and churches have started handing out aid in the worst affected areas of Manhattan and other boroughs.

The East Village has some of the trendiest restaurants and bars in Manhattan but

also has a hard core of poverty and the storm has cut it off even more from the rest of New York.

A sub-station which exploded on Monday night is just four blocks away and a district as big as many American cities is now without power.

There is some solidarity however.

Further up 10th Street, someone has put a generator on the street with an extension cord so that people can charge mobile phones and laptops. "No more than 30 minutes each," says a sign

with the generator.

Some inhabitants have their pride despite Sandy's ravages however. "I live on the fifth floor in Eighth Street," said Anastasia Lacdo, 86, and originally from

Ukraine, who walks with a stick.

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CMB Bank announces the Aruba Loop Challenge



Armin Solognier of CMB Bank



Lloyd Wever All Distance Runners Aruba

CMB Bank P/R Manager Armin Solognier welcomed island media to announce sponsorship of a new major sporting event, the "Aruba

Loop" run and walk, to take place on Sunday November 24. Proceeds from the run/walk will benefit the Leadership and Excellence Foundation, represented by Sharon Irving, and is being organized by All Distance Runners Aruba, under its Director, Lloyd Wever.

Organizers emphasized the Aruba Loop is for all ages and groups. It is divided into three competitions, geared to serious marathon runners, or families who wish to just enjoy a healthy outing.

The 23K category of the walk will begin at the CMB Branch in San Nicolas, with runners taking off at 5:30 AM. The route will pass through the town and Savanets, along the main road. It will turn inland at the Pos Chiquito/Balashi traffic light, passing through Santa Cruz to the Tanki Flip roundabout. There it will turn in the direction of the Santa Ana Church to finally end at the CMB Branch in Noord.

10K runners will take off at 6:30 AM from the CMB Bank in Santa Cruz to follow the same route. Those wishing to participate in the 6K fun run/walk will start from the CMB Paradera ATM at 7:00-7:30 AM.

It is expected these starting times and routes will bring the major body of participants to the finish line at the CMB Noord Branch around the same time.

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Sharon Irving of Leadership and Excellence Foundation

important cash prizes for the winners. Top winner in the 23K race will receive 2,500 Aruban florins. Second and third place will win 1,500 and 1,000 florins, respectively. There will prizes for even the to three 6k winners ranging from 100 to 250 Aruban florins.

This event is sanction by IDREFE, now IBISA. Those wishing to participate in Aruba Loop can sign up at their offices on the second floor of the Certified Mega Mall. Entrance fee if 15 Aruban florins per person, which will include a tee-shirt, water bottle and refreshments.

For more information visit the website www.cmbnv.com/arubaloop.

Rosalie Klein

New law to make funds readily available for education

ORANJESTAD -- The new National Education Fund's law, according to Minister of Education, Arthur Dowers, is not being created because this is a requirement of the European Union. The Minister reported in last Wednesday's public Parliament hearing that Aruba has indeed applied to the European Union for funds, but the introduction of the new law has nothing to do with the EU directly. The new law will simply make the appropriation of these funds more readily available and more efficient for certain projects when more time is needed to realize these projects.

The Minister also indicated that the National Education Fund will ensure that funds are available for two consecutive years. In contrast, the funds budgeted by the government usually expire at the end of the budget year. The crossover of the academic year, August to June, and the budget year – January to December, makes it complicated to coordinate funds efficiently, according to Dowers.

As an example, if a particular project is not completed before the end of the year, through this new Fund, money will continue to be available to continue the project throughout the next year.

One of the requirements of the EU is that the investment in education must be increased. According to Dowers... "we are working towards achieving this." In Aruba more than 4% of our GDP is invested in education and if we add the amount invested in our student loans, this amount reaches almost 6%.

The discussion is not whether Aruba is investing

sufficient in our education, but rather how are funds being invested, where are the different funds going, says Dowers. The minister reported that in the past, a major portion of education funds were being allocated to many things not directly related to children nor to teachers. Some 3 million Florins were being invested in the rent of trailers, for example. Slowly we are reducing this by creating durable class rooms so that the funds can go directly into education.

Several changes have already been made and the government is increasing their investments, such as those to benefit the formation of teachers. Funds have also been made available for extra classes after regular school hours to help MAVO, HAVO and VWO students needing help with certain subjects and to increase their overall chances to graduate.

In Dowers' words: "Education is the key to a dignified life of the human being and the key to economic development of a country. No country can have development without education and the formation of their citizens, and there is no country enjoying economic prosperity without their citizens being adequately educated and with a good system of education."

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scheduled for November 12 to 16 with Minister of Economic Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer as its special host. They have an extensive and varied program planned with some of the most outstanding speakers.

Local Aruba Bank is the platinum sponsor, Aruba Free zone a gold sponsor, SETAR N.V. a silver sponsor, with AIB Bank and Fatum also lending their important support.

One of the focuses of this year's Small Business Week will be the franchise segment, which it is believed has much space for growth in our local economy. Mr. William Edwards, a noted expert in the field of franchising will be one of the featured speakers on November 15. Edwards is executive director of EGS and has 40 years of experience in different areas of business. He has lived and worked in China, The Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Turkey and the United States. He has worked on projects in more than 60 countries and has experience in the gas and crude oil indus-

tries, IT, management consulting and licensing.

EGS was founded in 2001 and since then Edwards has been consulting more than 50 companies in the US on the area of licensing, fabrication, retail sales and restaurant with respect to their international development.

William Edwards is a Certified Franchise Executive and a member of the International Franchise Association Supplier Forum, Vice President of the international commission of IFA, member of the IFA Education Foundation Board of Trustees, and an instructor on the matter of international licensing for ICFE, among others.

William Edwards will join a lineup of other notable speakers to speak at this year's Small Business Week. Also slated to address the Small Business audience will be local successful Subway entrepreneur, Jaime Maduro.

Everyone, and particularly prospective entrepreneurs and small business owners are cordially invited to attend this free admission Small Business Week conference from November 12 to 16th. It promises to be a very learning experience.

CAS DI GLAS Fundraising 2nd edition announced



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Cas di Glas 2012 committee

"Cas di Glas 2012 is going to be a fantastic happening, which will hopefully get everyone on Aruba involved in supporting the island's elderly," said president Peter Ballière of the Cas di Glas foundation on Wednesday, October 31, during its first press conference about the upcoming fundraising event, at Palm Beach Plaza.

The first Cas di Glas, conducted two years ago, raised over \$75,000 for the establishment of a mammogram center to insure women have regular examinations, to catch the disease early. The current event, scheduled for December 12 - 16, will be five days of three popular deejays from different radio stations being locked into their very public "home." As before, there will be 24-hour live coverage and interviews of those coming to donate, as well as many activities and live musical performances of local and international bands and artists. There will also be sporting demonstrations and dance. Everyone is invited to

pitch in, donate money or help raise funds with privately organized activities.

Beneficiary of this year's Cas di Glas will be the Stichting Wit Gele Kruis Aruba. This foundation has offices around Aruba and a network covering all aspects of health, prevention of illnesses, home-care and education. White-Yellow Cross Director Gino Goeloe, stated the donation of Cas di Glas II will help Aruba's ailing elderly. Although Wit Gele Kruis has many health-related projects for people of all ages, this money will go towards the specific needs of this target group.

This year, the Cas di Glas event will take place at Palm Beach Plaza Mall, who is the main sponsor, represented by Ishwar Daryanani. He fees this years slogan ably brings home the message during the well-attended press conference: "Danki na Nos Grandinan" - "Thanks to our Elderly-it is now time to support them!"

Rosalie Klein



Cas di Glas 2012



Pointers to Ponder

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What to do about a controlling husband!



Actually as I write this article, the thought crossed my mind that I could actually do another article about: What to do about a controlling wife! There is an almost equal amount of women as men who are controlling in their marital relationship. Maybe I'll do such an article some other time. For today I want us to think about the controlling man in your life.

Sitting across from me in my counseling office, this young, intelligent, ambitious and attractive woman said... "My husband has never been supportive of anything I like to do and frowns on my goals. He doesn't want me to have friends because he thinks he should be my everything."

As I listened and watched her, I could see the anguish in her eyes; I saw her tears as she said... "I'm tired of trying to live up to his expectations - it's like having another father!"

I am certain that many women reading this article right now can identify with this young woman. Many are probably saying... "that's me; I know what she is talking about!" Let me provide you with some pointers which may help you in such a situation

First: Do you still love your husband? Could you be happy together if the issues you are struggling with were successfully resolved? If your answer is yes, then you should consider getting professional help as a couple. The issues you are dealing with are usually too heavy and complicated for you to combat alone; you will definitely need a capable, neutral person to help

walk you through a healing process. You will need someone who can provide a safe, non-judgmental environment where you can talk to your husband about your frustrations and discontent.

Most men do not respond well to the idea of counseling. They don't see the need for talking to anyone about any problem in their relationship. Hence, it may take some time to convince him to get the help you both need. Getting him to agree to this usually takes you convincing him that you are unhappy and angry and that if he really loves you he will want you to be happy. Sometimes it helps to have the counselor call your husband to come in so that he could help the counselor to help you with your problems. If you can take the pressure of him initially, he may be open to trying the counseling.

Second: Your husband must understand that your present situation cannot continue much longer. While it may be no problem for him, it is no longer acceptable for you and that you are urging him for a change.

Counseling will not be a quick fix or an instant cure. Unfortunately psychologists, counselors do not have miracle wands that solve problems on the spot! Most marital problems require hard work from both spouses. Most problems were not created overnight so they cannot be solved overnight either. But you can be sure that they can be solved... providing both parties are willing to do the work!

Third: What should you

do now, today? You should start asserting yourself as an equal partner in your relationship or else it will not move forward. You must acknowledge that you are an important and very worthy person and that your husband is not the boss of you! As an adult, you have the right to a full and happy life. Get in touch with a counselor as soon as possible. Your counselor could be a Pastor or Preacher. Many of these men have vast knowledge and experience dealing with marital situations. You may want to consult a psychologist or some other knowledgeable therapist who could guide you through the healing process. But, whatever you do, remember you need to get out of your present situation, you deserve a better life; you need not carry the burden alone any longer. You deserve to have someone share your load with you and help you unload so you can walk away into a new life of freedom and happiness.

If this article was helpful, I'd love to hear from you at tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com

Romney campaign ad ties Obama to Chavez and Castro

MIAMI (AFP) - A new ad by Mitt Romney's presidential campaign depicts Barack Obama as the preferred candidate of Hugo Chavez and the niece of Fidel Castro, both figures of scorn in Florida's Hispanic community.

The ad -- apparently a gambit calculated to pry Latino support from the president -- aired yesterday in the all-important swing state of Florida, where Obama and Romney are virtually tied in opinion polls.

In it, a narrator is heard to ask in Spanish: "Who supports Barack Obama?"

It then shows footage of Chavez from about a month ago, in which Venezuela's socialist president said: "If I were American, I'd vote for Obama."

The 30-second spot, entitled "Chavez for Obama," then shows a brief clip in which Mariela Castro, daughter of Cuban President Raul Castro and the niece of revolutionary



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New Dutch finance minister promise cuts, tough line on euro zone

AMSTERDAM - The incoming Dutch finance minister said yesterday he would push ahead with budget cuts at home and take a tough line on the euro zone crisis, ensuring policy continuity.

Labor MP Jeroen Dijsselbloem warned of tough times ahead given the new coalition government between his Labor party and Prime Minister Mark Rutte's Liberals has already agreed to nearly 16 billion euros (\$21 billion) in budget cuts.

"We have agreed to a tight budget and together we are going to implement it. It is a tough package that is going to require sacrifices from everyone in the Netherlands. I see it as my job to keep the finances on the right path," he told reporters.

The Netherlands, one of a handful of economies in the euro zone still holding a triple



Jeroen Dijsselbloem

AAA credit rating, is expected to remain a firm ally of Germany, which opposes more aid to euro zone members struggling with high debt.

Dijsselbloem was among a number of prospective ministers summoned to The Hague for talks with Rutte, whose coalition government was expected to be sworn in on Monday.



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Jeri Finesilver group participants

For the past thirty one years Caren Hann, President of the Jeri Finesilver Cancer Foundation (JFCF) has organized fundraiser vacations to Aruba. The JFCF is a non-profit organization that supports the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System.

The JFCF group consists of families from the New York, New Jersey and Florida areas and has been staying at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino since 1996. With the funds of the trips, one of the greatest achievements was the donation of the first Linear Accelerator to treat cancer patients from 80 to 800 treatments per week at the Long Island Hospital in New York.

Caren Hann, a true Aruba ambassador, who loves and

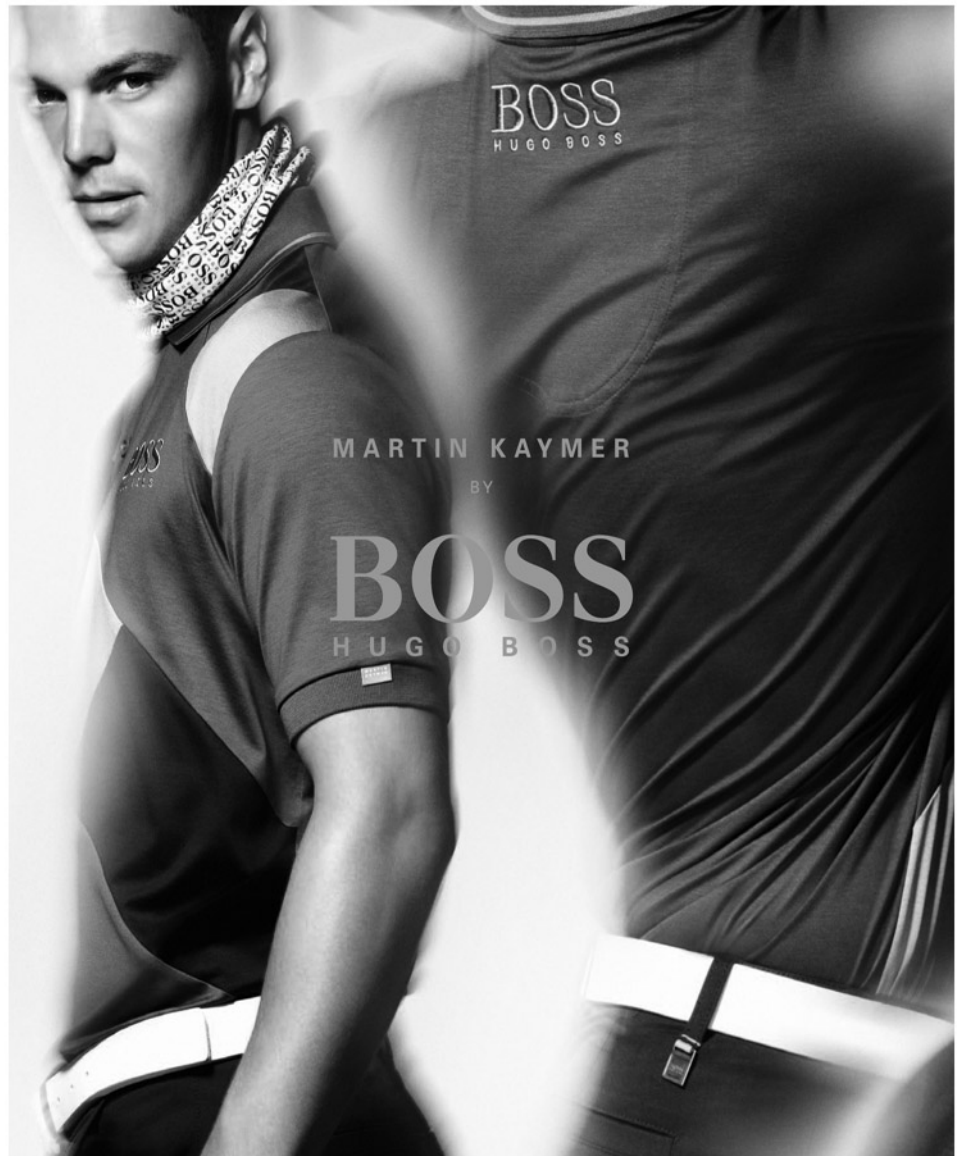
adores the beautiful island of Aruba, visits the island three times a year. While she spends her Christmas holidays with her family, she organizes twice per year the Jeri Finesilver fundraiser vacations with a number of participants from 40 up till 100 in February and October.

"The program is designed for our participants to relax and have a great time in Aruba, says Caren Hann. We love Aruba and the people of Aruba, that is the main reason why visit the island every year." Together with her son Ricky, Vice President of the JFCF, they organize the entire trip from hotel and dinners reservations on island, flight arrangements and some fun playtime at the Stellaris Casino. Throughout the vacation the group has the opportunity to win great raffle prizes donated by businesses from Long Island, New York.

The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino wishes Caren, her family and friends of the Jeri Finesilver Cancer Foundation a great trip with many more to come.



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Loyal visitors honored at the Renaissance Resort



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International news

Optimistic Obama launches campaign whirlwind



GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AFP) - An inspired President Barack Obama kicked off his final campaign sprint yesterday by sounding a note of post-hurricane unity, saying Americans "rise or fall as one nation" during a crisis.

But while the man seeking re-election to the world's top job said he was humbled by nature's wrath and the enduring American spirit, it was clearly game on in his race against Republican Mitt Romney, whom he blasted as a slick "salesman" peddling economic snake oil to US voters.

Obama struck an optimistic, uplifting tone at the top of his remarks in chilly Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he paid tribute to the millions hit by devastating superstorm Sandy, mourned those who died and pledged to help rebuild.

"When disaster strikes, we've seen America at its best," Obama, clad in a brown bomber jacket and with his gleaming Air Force One jet as his dramatic backdrop, told the

crowd.

"All the petty differences that consume us all seem to melt away. There are no Democrats or Republicans during a storm; they're just fellow Americans," he added.

Obama has been in the white-hot spotlight this week over his handling of the federal response to the storm, and he has received strong praise from, among others, Romney surrogate Chris Christie, the blunt-talking Republican governor of storm-devastated New Jersey.

"Leaders of different parties working to fix what's broken," is how Obama, mindful of his message of bipartisan cooperation just five days before Americans head to the polls, described the last 72 hours in ravaged communities up and down the eastern seaboard.

"A spirit that says, 'in the end we're all in this together'. So we rise or fall as one nation. As one people," the president added.

NY mayor Bloomberg endorses Obama for second term

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg reluctantly endorsed President Barack Obama's campaign for a second term yesterday, saying his efforts to fight climate change outweigh his failure on the economy.

Bloomberg first won office as a Republican but split from the party and now runs the United States' biggest city as an independent. He did not endorse a candidate in 2008, having backed Republican George W. Bush in 2004.

He said the president's reaction in the wake of this week's devastating superstorm, which swamped much of lower Manhattan and killed 37 people in the city, had influenced his de-

cision to endorse the Democrat.

"The devastation that Hurricane Sandy brought to New York City and much of the Northeast -- in lost lives, lost homes and lost business -- brought the stakes of Tuesday's presidential election into sharp relief," he said.

"We need leadership from the White House -- and over the past four years, President Barack Obama has taken major steps to reduce our carbon consumption, including setting higher fuel-efficiency standards for cars and trucks."

Obama quickly welcomed the announcement, saying he was honored.

Sandy death toll mounts as New York subway rolls again

NEW YORK (AFP) - The toll of death and suffering from superstorm Sandy yesterday mounted even as New York struggled back to life, with the first subway trains rolling in four days.

New York mayor Michael Bloomberg said Sandy killed at least 37 people in the city and the number was likely to mount. At least 85 people have now been reported dead across the 15 states hit by the hurricane on Monday night.

Fuel shortages led to long lines of cars at filling stations in many states and the country faced a storm bill of tens of billions of dollars.

More bodies are being found as police and fire-fighters continue "their lifesaving mission, going block-by-block and door-to-door in the areas devastated by the hurricane," Bloomberg said.

With about 650,000 people still without power in New York, Bloomberg said the city would start handing out food and water and that National



Photo shows commuters crossing New York's Brooklyn Bridge. Many New Yorkers ventured back to work after the city was yanked to a standstill by hurricane Sandy.

the storm, blocked one street near the Hoboken ferry terminal.

New Jersey, which President Barack Obama visited on Wednesday, emerged as the state with the most widespread destruction.

At least 12 people were reported dead in the state, and many isolated districts were still being searched.



Guard and police would go into high-rise buildings to help the elderly.

The Con-Edison power company said that some New Yorkers would have to wait until November 11 before electricity is restored.

National Guard troops helped rescue people trapped in flooded homes across the Hudson River from New York in Hoboken. They had rescued 2,000 people in New Jersey in two days, Defense Department spokesman George Little said.

Hoboken authorities estimated on Wednesday that 20,000 people were stuck in their homes and high-wheel military trucks were brought in to reach stricken houses and apartment blocks.

The floodwaters receded slowly, leaving behind desolation. A yacht, thrown up by

Some 1.8 million people in New Jersey were still without electricity three days after the storm and fuel shortages were becoming critical, with huge queues of cars at the rare gas stations open in the state.

About half of gas stations in New Jersey and the New York region had closed down because of power cuts or fuel shortages, officials said.

But the first subway trains brought some cheer to New York City.

A skeleton service started just before dawn and trains were quickly packed. "It is not comfortable but it is a huge relief to get moving again," said commuter Dave Stetman.

On Wednesday, in a bid to avoid gridlock, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said that until Friday cars entering Manhattan must carry at least three people. Police set up

checkpoints at bridges and turned back hundreds of cars.

Con Edison said that more than 200,000 Manhattan customers blacked out by an explosion at a sub-station would have power by Saturday morning.

But it said 100,000 cases of trees and other objects bringing down power lines had been reported, so full city-wide electricity restoration would take until November 11.

Some heartbreaking stories have emerged from the storm.

Two brothers, aged two and four, were swept from their mother's arms in the floods as the family tried to escape the rising seas in Staten Island in the New York suburbs.

Glenda Moore's car became stuck in the water and she was carrying the boys to seek help when they were swept away, the New York Post said. Police said they were still looking for the boys, Connor aged four and Brandon aged two.

Others victims were electrocuted or drowned in flooded basements. A growing number of people were killed by poisoning from the fumes given off by diesel generators put into use since the storm.

The Shell oil company said that Sandy triggered an oil spill in the waters off New York and said clean up efforts were under way.

The US Coast Guard, which is overseeing the clean-up, said refinery operator Motiva had estimated up to 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel had leaked from the plant at Sewaren, New Jersey.

Hurricane Sandy brought devastation throughout the Caribbean before hitting the United States and Canada. The overall death is now at least 157.



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International news

Canada police bust drug ring, arrest more than a hundred

OTTAWA (AFP) - Police arrested 103 people and seized stolen explosives, illicit narcotics, some 400 prohibited firearms and money in raids across Canada yesterday morning, dismantling a major drug ring.

"We have succeeded in neutralizing this network," a Quebec police spokesman said in a televised news conference.

More than a thousand police officers from the Surete du Quebec, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and several local police forces were involved in the dawn raids in 30 towns and cities in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec

provinces.

They nabbed 103 out of 128 suspects in the ongoing investigation, seized Can\$225,000 (US\$225,860) in cash, as well drug tablets, cannabis, cocaine and ingredients for a so-called date-rape drug. A court also froze assets worth Can\$1.2 million.

Police said the criminal group distributed 75 kilograms (165 pounds) of cocaine per week, and sold Can\$50 million worth of drugs just in the last six months.

Charges include importing and trafficking of cocaine from Mexico, and gangsterism.

Turkey's expanding influence in the Gulf of Aden



Photo shows Turkish troops exiting a landing ship during a training exercise in France. Ankara's recent moves in this strategic region will help it counter Iranian power.

Blast in Colombia kills 2, injures 27 children

BOGOTA (AFP) - A bomb carried by a cyclist exploded as he rode past a park full of children celebrating Halloween, leaving two people dead and 27 youngsters injured, authorities said, blaming the attack on FARC rebels.

The man with the bomb may have been targeting a nearby police station in Pradera in southwest Colombia, said Carlos Leyton, a spokesman for the Pradera city

government.

The bomber in Wednesday's night's blast was apparently among the fatalities, Leyton said. Two children were seriously hurt and 25 suffered slight injuries, he added.

Colombian army general Sergio Mantilla attributed the attack to the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), saying the target was definitely the police station.

The attack comes as nego-

Haiti, struck by megastorm Sandy, asks for aid

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - As much of the world focuses on the storm-devastated north-eastern United States, tiny impoverished Haiti, also dealt a powerful blow by Hurricane

Sandy, is appealing for international aid.

The storm, a powerful category two hurricane when it tore through Haiti last Thursday, killed more than 50 people there. It destroyed crops and homes and crippled transportation in the nation, the poorest in the Americas.



"I am launching an appeal to international solidarity to come help the population, to help support the completion of our efforts towards saving lives and property," Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe said Wednesday evening during a cabinet meeting rebroadcast on local media.

According to statistics presented during the meeting, the agricultural sector registered a loss of more than \$104 million.

"Several thousand kilometers of agricultural roads were destroyed and thousands of heads of cattle were swept away by the flood waters, which also destroyed thousands of hectares of plantations," Agriculture Minister Jacques Thomas said.

Health Minister Florence Guillaume said "numerous cases" of cholera have also been reported in the wake of

the storm.

"What we've just heard is frightening. We should act quickly for the people and put ourselves to work to improve the situation," Lamothe said.

"Without a doubt we don't have enough means, but we must show we have the will," he added, reiterating his call for international support.

Yesterday, the government communication bureau indicated that Venezuela has proposed building 5,000 homes and had already sent three planes and a boat loaded with 240 tonnes of food.

France has promised to rebuild seven destroyed bridges and Mexico has offered food.

Haiti is still rebuilding after the massive 2010 earthquake that leveled much of the capital, left hundreds of thousands homeless and killed more than 200,000 people.

EU introduces new road safety rules



BRUSSELS — European roads should be safer from today when a whole slew of new safety rules come into force, part of efforts to cut auto accident deaths by 50 percent by 2020.

Mandatory requirements include safety belt reminders, easier child seat fixing points, reinforced rear passenger seats to protect against shifting luggage in the boot and tyre pressure sensors, the European Commission said.

"We are working hard to improve the safety of Euro-

pean drivers, passengers and road users in general," said EU commissioner for industry Antonio Tajani.

"These new measures will substantially increase the level of safety by reducing the likelihood and consequences of accidents. This will be a tangible achievement of the European Union."

All the measures are mandatory on new vehicle types from today and will be enforced industry-wide from 2014.

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Redheads at cancer risk regardless of sun exposure

PARIS (AFP) - People with pale skin and red hair may be more prone to developing a deadly form of skin cancer regardless of whether they spend time in the sun or not, a study said.

Not only is this group more vulnerable to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays, but a study in mice has now shown that the pigment that gives hair a red hue may in itself have cancer-causing effects, said a paper in the journal Nature.

Light-skinned redheads with freckles and an inability to tan have trouble producing the black-grown pigment eumelanin, which absorbs harm-

ful UV rays -- instead producing the red-yellow pigment pheomelanin which provides a weak UV shield.

In lab studies using dark, red and albino mice, Fisher and a team discovered that melanoma occurred more frequently in the red mice than the other two groups, regardless of whether they were exposed to UV or not.

The study showed "that completely avoiding UV rays would not protect red-haired people from melanoma," United States cancer researchers Mizuho Fukunaga-Kalabis and Meenhard Herlyn wrote in a comment carried by

Nature.

About 132,000 cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, are diagnosed each year and two to three million non-melanoma cancers, according to the World Health Organisation, which says the numbers rise every year.

Fukunaga-Kalabis and Herlyn said the findings begged the question: what can be done beyond sun protection to reduce melanoma risk in red-haired, fair-skinned people?

Research was needed, the pair said, into the drugs that may induce eumelanin production or boost cancer-protecting antioxidants.

'World-first' surgery gives Australian boy new hope

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australian doctors Thursday hailed what they described as a world-first surgical treatment for a boy suffering from a rare disease that sends his blood pressure soaring and triggered a stroke.

Matthew Gaythorpe, 10, has suffered severe hypertension his entire life due to a combination of kidney and liver conditions called autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease and congenital hepatic fibrosis.

He had a minor stroke last year and has lived with seizures and extreme fatigue requiring him to take about 30

medications a day. He was also diagnosed, at age four, with the chronic sleep disorder narcolepsy.

Matthew was facing the prospect of daily dialysis, a dual kidney-liver transplant and even another stroke until his doctor was granted special permission to try a highly experimental operation with a custom-made device.

"Using innovative radio frequency technology, we were able to effectively zap some of the nerves and tissue surrounding Matthew's renal arteries," said surgeon Ian Meredith from the Monash Heart institute.

Meredith's plea to be allowed to try the renal denervation procedure -- never before performed on a child and still experimental with adults -- went before three separate ethics panels before it was approved.

The instrument used, a small balloon with electrodes on its surface, had to be specially designed for keyhole insertion into Matthew's tiny arteries by an American firm.

Meredith said the "ingenious" device worked by targeting faulty nerves to the kidneys, which are critical in blood pressure control.

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Shark brains could hold key to attacks: study

SYDNEY (AFP) - Shark brains have been found to share several features with those of humans, a discovery which Australian researchers believe could be crucial to developing "repellents" for the killer great white species.

Great white sharks, otherwise known as white pointers and made famous by the horror movie "Jaws", have killed an unprecedented number of surfers and swimmers off Australia's west coast in the past year.

The government last month

announced a new catch-and-kill policy for sharks that stray too close to beaches after five fatalities in 10 months. But it is also funding research into other measures, including technology to repel them.

University of Western Australia shark researcher Kara Yopak, who has dissected the brains of more than 150 species, said new studies of the great white shark's brain had revealed important similarities to human brains.

"Great white sharks have quite large parts of the brain

associated with their visual input, with implications for them being much more receptive to repellents targeting visual markers," Yopak told AFP of the research.

Most repellents now on the market target the electrosensitive pores on a shark's head which are used to detect the weak currents emitted by prey, by sending a strong electrical signal to drive them away.

Yopak said studies found this technology could be effective but failed to repel great

whites in all cases. Understanding how their brains work could be vital to developing new deterrents, which could be something as simple as marking patterns on surfboards and wetsuits.

"A shark may recognise a poisonous sea-snake's markings and swim away, for example, and we can use this information to cue a response," she said.

"It's about understanding how their neurobiology affects their (behaviour)."

Yopak is part of a multidisciplinary team at the university's Oceans Institute working towards new commercial repellents.

Most sharks had been found to have brains of the same relative size as mammals or birds, she added, debunking any idea they are "tiny-brained eating machines".

Experts say the average number of attacks in the country has increased in line with population growth and the popularity of water sports.



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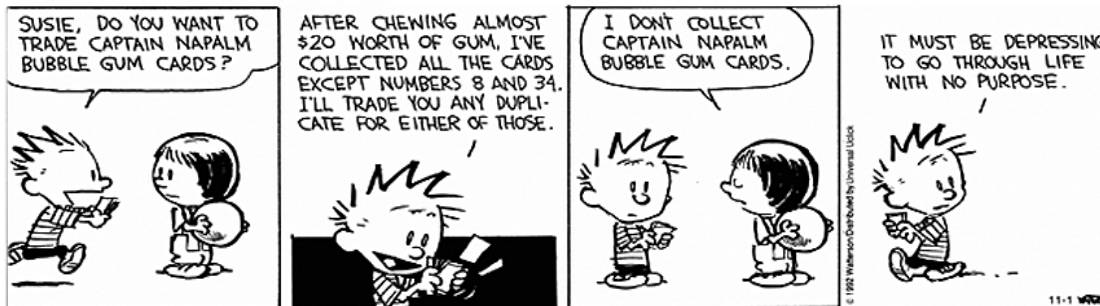
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13. 2,000 pounds
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15. Pell-mell
17. Priceless
18. Bring close to one's heart
19. Guide
21. Periphery
22. Mideast VIP
23. College yell
26. Good-enough grade
28. Tapir's salient

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31. "As I was going to St. ___"
33. Willy, to Biff and Happy
35. Indifferent
36. Pulsations
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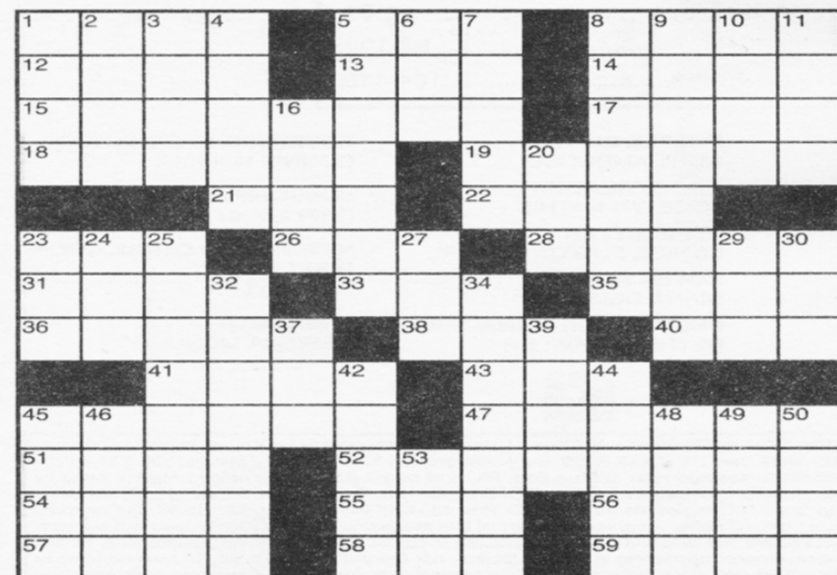
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4. At which the Four Questions are asked
5. Rampaged
6. Time period
7. Projecting corner

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9. Yao Ming's concern when buying a car
10. Oh, to be, in Paree!
11. Hart
16. Secular
20. Type measures
23. Vault support
24. "___ Verum Corpus"
25. Wrestling hold
27. Lobe locale
29. Avail oneself of
30. Child
32. Marlin had three in "Finding Nemo"
34. Let out air
37. Took a break
39. Provender
42. Blues singer
44. Portions
45. "Somewhere My Love" subject
46. Pamphleteer
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50. Mulligan, for one
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YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



US adds Taiwan to Visa Waiver Program

The United States has announced that it will include Taiwan in its Visa Waiver Program (VWP) starting November 1.

Taiwanese nationals who are pre-approved, low-risk travelers will be able to stay in the United States for tourism or business for up to 90 days without a visa. Travelers will need to obtain authorization online.

Last year, visitors under the program accounted for 60 percent of leisure and business travelers entering the United States by air, according to the Homeland Security Department.

More than 290,000 Taiwanese visited the United States in 2011, spending an estimated US\$1.1 billion. With the introduction of the visa-waiver scheme, the numbers are expected to rise.

FINANCE

Honda marks 30 years of US production with 200 new jobs

CHICAGO (AFP) - Japanese automaker Honda marked its 30th anniversary of building vehicles in the United States with a \$200 million investment that will create 200 jobs at Ohio engine and transmission plants.

That will bring to \$12.5 billion the amount Honda has invested in its US operations since it produced the first Japanese car built in America on November 1, 1982.

Honda currently has the capacity to build 1.63 million

cars and trucks a year in North America at seven automotive assembly plants, three engine plants and two transmission plants.

A new plant in Mexico and plans to expand production in the United States will increase capacity to 1.92 million vehicles a year by 2014.

The bulk of Honda's capacity is in the United States, where it currently employs more than 26,000 people in manufacturing, sales, and research and development.

IMF says Greek loan talks stuck as bankruptcy looms

ATHENS (AFP) - Greece's negotiations with international lenders for desperately needed rescue funds some two weeks before bankruptcy looms are stuck, the IMF said yesterday, sending Greek stocks plunging.

The International Monetary Fund said the talks were stalled over the conditions for financing Greece as it seeks a two-year extension to meet fiscal goals.

While Athens has made "good progress" on fiscal and structural reforms, IMF spokesman Gerry Rice said in Washington, "an understanding must also be reached between Greece and its creditors

on financing terms consistent with debt sustainability."

That news triggered a five percent drop in Athens' main ATHEX stock index, which tumbled below the 800 point level to close at 761.24 points.

Shares in banks, which are awaiting some of the rescue money to shore up their capital, were the worst hit, with the banking stocks sub-index down by 11.7 percent.

Greece, the IMF, the European Union and the European Central Bank, known as the troika, have been locked in discussions for weeks on revising terms for the country's bailout after it fell short of targets which needed to be met for the release of the next installment of funds from the three lenders.

Athens has asked for the fiscal targets to be pushed back another two years, to give it more room to rekindle economic growth after a crushing austerity program sent it into a deeper recession than the lenders had expected.

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras has said the coffers in Athens will run dry on November 16 -- when a three-month treasury bill worth five billion euros must be repaid -- unless his country receives the next 31.2 billion euros (\$40.4 billion) in rescue funding.

Samaras had announced on Tuesday that his government had agreed with the mission of troika auditors in Greece on the terms of a new 13.5 billion euro austerity package needed to unlock the next instalment of rescue loans.

Accordingly, the finance ministry on Wednesday introduced a budget and a three-year economic program pledging the required level of cuts in 2013-14.



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Netherlands	EUR	229.00	231.09	233.41
Sweden	SEK	25.76	26.48	27.28
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The Economist backs Obama, 'the devil we know'

LONDON (AFP) - The Economist, the respected weekly current affairs magazine, yesterday said it was backing US President Barack Obama for re-election, although with less enthusiasm than four years ago.

The London-based publication said in its leader that while the United States faced a tougher decision and a more negative campaign than in 2008, Obama's Republican rival Mitt Romney "does not fit the bill".

"This choice turns on two questions: how good a president has Mr Obama been, especially on the main issues of the economy and foreign policy? And can America really trust the ever-changing Mitt Romney to do a better job?" it said.

"On that basis, the Democrat narrowly deserves to be re-elected."

The Economist said it had backed Obama "with enthusiasm" in 2008, as did millions of voters, but that Americans will in 2012 "trudge to the polls far less hopefully".

"So in spirit at least will this London-based newspaper. Having endured a miserably negative campaign, the world's most powerful country now has a much more difficult decision to make than it faced four years ago," it said.

The magazine, publishing its leader on its website ahead of the print edition on Friday, lambasted the "woeful nature" of Obama's campaign, saying that where he once "personified hope and centrism" he had resorted to low blows at Romney.

But while it said that Obama's achievements had



been modest, Romney had flip-flopped on too many issues to be credible, while his plans to cut taxes and increase defence spending were unaffordable.

"For all his businesslike intentions, Mr Romney has an economic plan that works only if you don't believe most of what he says. That is not a convincing pitch for a chief executive," The Economist said.

"And for all his shortcomings, Mr Obama has dragged America's economy back from the brink of disaster, and has made a decent fist of foreign policy. So this newspaper would stick with the devil it knows, and re-elect him."

The Economist has a worldwide circulation of 1.57 million, with nearly 850,000 copies shifted in the United States alone, according to its publishers. Its website had more than 14 million unique visitors in July 2012.

In 2004 the staunchly economically liberal weekly backed Democratic challenger John Kerry against president George W. Bush.



FRANKFURT — Volkswagen AG will build an engine assembly plant in India by 2015, a senior official said yesterday, as the German automaker looks to boost its lacklustre sales in Asia's third-largest economy. The company also plans to invest €60 million (RM240 million) in its India business next year on localisation of components and to boost export potential from the country, said John Chacko, managing director of Volkswagen India. Volkswagen plans to start exporting vehicles to Taiwan and North Africa from India next year, he said. Volkswagen, like many other overseas carmakers, has struggled to fully leverage its global clout since entering India, and has failed to win significant market share from long-term incumbents such as Maruti Suzuki and Tata Motors



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Europe's oldest prehistoric town, salt site found in Bulgaria



SOFIA (AFP) - Archaeologists in eastern Bulgaria say they have unearthed the oldest prehistoric town ever found in Europe, along with an ancient salt production site that gives a strong clue about why massive riches were discovered in the region.

Excavations at the site near the modern-day town of Provadia have so far uncovered the remains of a settlement of two-storey houses, a series of pits used for rituals as well as parts of a gate, bastion structures and three later fortification walls -- all carbon dated between the middle and late Chalcolithic age from 4,700 to 4,200 BC.

"We are not talking about a town like the Greek city-states, ancient Rome or medieval settlements, but about what archaeologists agree constituted a town in the fifth millennium BC," said Vasil Nikolov, a researcher with Bulgaria's National Institute of

Archeology, after announcing the findings earlier this month.

Nikolov and his team have worked since 2005 to excavate the Provadia-Solnitsata settlement, located near the Black Sea resort of Varna.

A small necropolis, or burial ground, was also found this year, but has yet to be studied more extensively and could keep archaeologists busy for generations.

Well fortified, a religious centre and most importantly, a major production centre for a specialised commodity that was traded far and wide, the settlement of about 350 people met all the conditions to be considered the oldest known "prehistoric town" in Europe, the team says.

"At a time when people did not know the wheel and cart these people hauled huge rocks and built massive walls. Why? What did they hide behind them?" Nikolov asked.

The answer: "Salt."

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The area is home to huge rock-salt deposits, some of the largest in southeast Europe and the only ones to be exploited as early as the sixth millennium BC, Nikolov said.

This is what made Provadia-Solnitsata what it was.

Nowadays, salt is still mined there but 7,500 years ago it had a completely different significance.

"Salt was an extremely valued commodity in ancient times, as it was both necessary for people's lives and was used as a method of trade and currency starting from the sixth millennium BC up to 600 BC," the researcher explained.

Salt production was moved outside the settlement towards the end of the sixth millennium and productivity gradually increased. After being boiled, the salt was baked to make small bricks.

Nikolov said production increased steadily from 5,500 BC, when one load from the kilns in Provadia-Solnitsata yielded about 25 kilogrammes (55 pounds) of dry salt. By 4,700-4,500 BC, that amount had increased to 4,000 to 5,000 kilos of salt.

The salt trade gave the local population huge economic power, which could explain the gold riches found in graves at the Varna Necropolis and dating back to around 4,300 BC, Nikolov suggested.

The 3,000 jewelry pieces and ritual objects have been internationally recognised as the oldest gold treasure in the world, raising questions as to how a culture of farmers and stock-breeders from a region otherwise poor in natural resources could acquire such wealth.

The excavations have however suffered from a chronic lack of state funding, which Nikolov replaced with private donations.

A British anthropologist, a Japanese ceramics expert and a team of radiocarbon specialists from Germany have worked on the site for free this season.

Bill Joel, Springsteen to play Sandy charity concert

NEW YORK (AFP) - US television network NBC said Thursday it is organizing a concert to benefit victims of megastorm Sandy, with appearances planned by rock legends including Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel.

Proceeds from the show, to be broadcast Friday on channels owned by NBC and on the Internet, will be donated to the American Red Cross to

help those affected by Sandy as it plowed through the US northeast on Monday and Tuesday.

Headliners will include Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi -- both famously from storm-struck New Jersey -- and Joel, from hard-hit Long Island.

Christina Aguilera and Sting are also slated to perform.

Winehouse dresses stolen from London home

LONDON (AFP) - Two dresses belonging to the late British soul singer Amy Winehouse, including the one she wore to her wedding, have been stolen from her home in London, a spokesman said.

The dresses, which were due to be sold to raise money for charity, are thought to have been taken by someone entering the Camden property during events after her death in July last year, not as the result of any break-in.

The house where the 27-year-old died is currently on the market.

The spokesman said the white minidress printed with red anchors that Winehouse

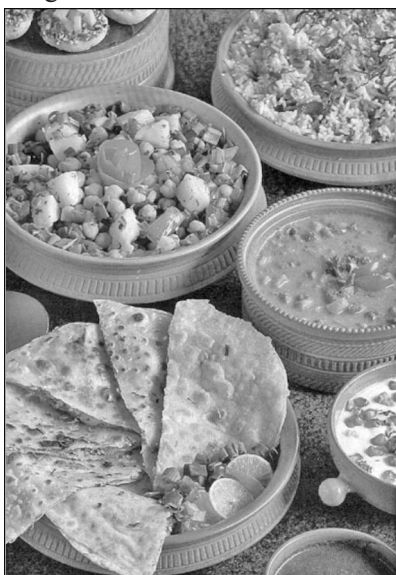
wore to her 2006 wedding to Blake Fielder-Civil in Miami had been expected to sell for £100,000 at a forthcoming New York fundraiser.

The other dress, a newsprint cocktail dress, was expected to fetch a further £30,000, he said, adding that both items "are part of Amy's story". Her family is working with police to secure their return.

The dress Winehouse wore on the cover of her best-selling second album 'Back To Black' sold for £40,000 (about \$65,000, 50,000 euros) for the foundation last year, while another dress sold for £30,000, he said.



THE HAGUE (AFP) - Amsterdam's famous coffee shops will remain open for business with foreign thrill-seekers despite the new government's plan to restrict sales to locals only, the mayor said. A Dutch coalition government, likely to be formed under re-elected Liberal Prime Minister Mark Rutte, is planning to restrict cannabis sales to tourists and require residents to show identification when entering some 670 coffee shops around the country. The new plan replaces the unpopular so-called "cannabis card" law which also stopped foreigners from buying pot but compelled locals to join cannabis cafes and having their names registered in a database. Some 1.5 million out of an estimated seven million foreign tourists to Amsterdam make a stop at one of its many coffee shops, the paper said.



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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many



and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning



are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes

pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with

quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking,

for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

SPORTS

Football: Nine goals as Chelsea claim revenge over United



Daniel Sturridge scoring

LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea claimed partial revenge for their stormy loss to Manchester United at the weekend by prevailing 5-4 when the teams resumed hostilities in an end-to-end fourth-round League Cup tie on Wednesday.

United led three times at Stamford Bridge, but each time Chelsea responded, with Eden Hazard's 94th-minute penalty taking the game to extra time before goals from Daniel Sturridge and Ramires put the hosts in the quarter-finals.

"It was a very exciting game -- a typical cup game," said Chelsea coach Roberto Di Matteo, whose side face Leeds United in the last eight.

There were shocks in the night's other ties, meanwhile, as Swansea City won 3-1 at Liverpool to knock former coach Brendan Rodgers out of the competition and Norwich City came from behind to eliminate Tottenham Hotspur.

Meanwhile, a quick-fire pair of goals in the last six minutes saw Norwich come from behind to win 2-1

against Tottenham at Carrow Road.

Meanwhile, Chelsea were drawn to face Leeds United in the League Cup quarter-finals on Wednesday, shortly after beating Manchester United 5-4 at Stamford Bridge to reach the last eight.

Leeds, English football's fallen giants, have beaten Premier League opposition in the two previous rounds, sinking Everton in round three before Tuesday's 3-0 win at home to Southampton.

"Leeds and Chelsea have a bit of history, so it should be an interesting game," said Chelsea coach Roberto Di Matteo.

Bradford City, of third-tier League Two, were rewarded for beating top-flight Wigan Athletic on penalties with a home tie against Premier League powerhouses Arsenal.

After winning 3-1 at Liverpool, Swansea City will face second-tier Middlesbrough, while the only all-Premier League tie of the round sees Norwich City host Aston Villa.

The matches are due to take place in the week beginning December 10, although Chelsea's trip to Leeds will take place on December 19 due to the European champions' involvement in the FIFA Club World Cup.

Quarter-final draw for the English League Cup:
Leeds United v Chelsea
Swansea City v Middlesbrough
Norwich City v Aston Villa
Bradford City v Arsenal

PSG to pay 100 million for Ronaldo



ROME (AFP) - Big-spending French side Paris Saint-Germain are ready to shell out 100 million euros for Real Madrid ace Cristiano Ronaldo and bring manager Jose Mourinho at the same time, Italy's Gazzetta dello Sport said reported. The sports daily claimed the two clubs have already opened negotiations on the joint move, with Ronaldo and Mourinho's agent Jorge Mendes in talks with the player, Real president Florentino Perez and PSG's Qatari owner Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani. The French giants are apparently prepared to break the bank to meet Ronaldo's wage demand of 18 million euros a year, topping the 14 million he picks up at Real and eclipsing the 14.5 million they are already paying star striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic. If Ronaldo agreed the move, Mourinho would follow, Gazzetta claimed. The newspaper said Mendes was the key to the deal as he also represents Atletico Madrid's prolific Colombian striker Radamel Falcao, who could prove the ideal replacement for Ronaldo at Real with a price tag of 70 million euros on his head.

Tennis: Murray joins exit of the elite in Paris

PARIS (AFP) - Towering Polish qualifier Jerzy Janowicz upset Andy Murray 5-7, 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 on Thursday to complete the early exit of the elite from the Paris Masters.

Murray, seeded third, missed a match point as he followed second seed Novak Djokovic out the door of the Bercy arena 24 hours after the tepid Serb had been beaten by American Sam Querrey.

World number one Roger Federer and injured number four Rafael Nadal did not play the event, which wraps up the ATP regular season and will decide the last two qualifiers for the eight-man World Tour Finals starting on Monday in London.



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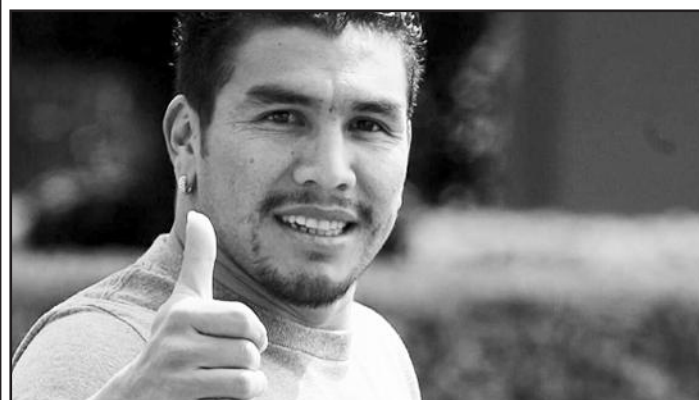
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Mexicans to laud shot former star Cabanas



MEXICO (AFP) - Salvador Cabanas, the Paraguayan international shot in the head in a Mexican nightclub almost three years ago, has returned to Mexico where he is to be feted by one of his former clubs, Jaguars, it emerged Thursday. Cabanas returned last April to action with Itaugua, the second division Paraguayan outfit where he started out, following a long battle for fitness after he was shot by a drugs baron in the toilets of a Mexico City bar on January 25, 2010 during an argument on a day off from training with then Mexican side Club America. He finally returned to the game with the bullet still lodged in his head from the shooting, which meant he missed out on a call-up for the World Cup, where Paraguay reached the quarter-finals. The Jaguars, from the southern state of Tuxtla Gutierrez, will present Cabanas to the crowd at half-time during today's match with Mexico City's Pumas.

Contender Janko Tipsarevic stayed in the race as he knocked out rival Juan Monaco with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 win.

Murray had never been beyond the Bercy quarter-finals and looked like having the perfect chance to fix that blemish in his record.

But beanpole Janowicz upset the form book with his huge serve, which produced 22 aces and 51 winners in just under two-and-a-half hours.

The defeat means that the quarter-finals will be the first in four years at a Masters 1000 not to feature at least one of the top four players.



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Austin among six to enter US Hall of Fame



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, (AFP) - Olympic champions Charles Austin and Pat McDonald and former world record holders Kim Batten and

Arthur Duffey were among six people named Thursday to the US Track and Field Hall of Fame.

USA Track and Field an-

nounced the selections, which also included former Millrose Games meet directors Fred and Howard Schmertz. All six will be inducted at ceremonies on December 1 at the group's meeting in Florida.

Austin, 44, was the 1996 Atlanta Olympic high jump gold medalist while Batten, 43, took silver in the 1996 Olympic 400-meter hurdles and set a world mark of 52.61 seconds in 1995.

McDonald, who died in 1954 at age 75, was the 1912 Stockholm Olympic shot put champion and won gold in the weight throw at age 42 at the 1920 Antwerp Olympics. Duffey, who died in 1955 at 75, set his mark in the 100-yard dash.

NFL: Team owners, players donate \$1 million to Sandy relief

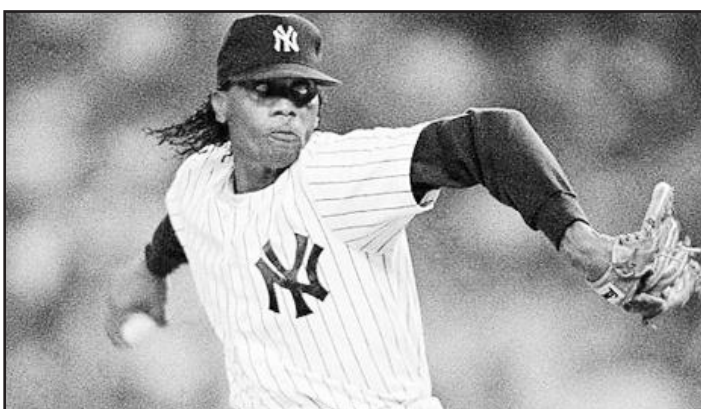
NEW YORK (AFP) - The National Football League and its players union jointly donated \$1 million to the American Red Cross relief efforts on Thursday to help in the recovery from damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. In addition the NFL will have advertisements encouraging donations during telecasts of league games from Thursday through Monday. "We are pleased that NFL owners and players have joined together once again to support communities and families impacted by Hurricane Sandy," said NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and union boss DeMaurice Smith in a joint statement. "We salute the dedication of those who have been working so hard on the rescue, relief and recovery effort." In addition, a pre-game salute will be made to first response crews at all NFL games this weekend, including a home game for the New York Giants on Sunday.

Mike Redmond is Miami Marlins new manager



-- Former catcher Mike Redmond, who played for the Marlins from 1998 to 2004, will replace Ozzie Guillen, according to a major-league source. Redmond, 41, received a three-year contract, and the Marlins also have rehired Perry Hill to be their first base and infield coach, the source said. Hill was with the Marlins from 2002 to '07. Former major-league manager Larry Bowa, Tigers hitting instructor Lloyd McClendon and Reds pitching coach Bryan Price also interviewed for the Marlins' vacancy. Price withdrew from consideration last week. Redmond, who resides in Spokane, Wash., with his wife Michele and sons Michael and Ryan in the offseason, spent the past two years managing in the Toronto Blue Jays' minor-league system, where he went 155-115 overall.

Former major league pitcher Pascual Perez killed



-- Former major league pitcher Pascual Perez, who had a troubled 11-season career that included two suspensions for drug use, was killed at his home in the Dominican Republic in an apparent robbery, police said Thursday. He made the All-Star team in 1983 with the Atlanta Braves, a year in which he won a career-best 15 games. The following season resulted in a 14-8 record, but a subsequent 1-13 campaign forced him out of the big leagues in 1986. Perez, who last played in the majors for the New York Yankees in 1991, was found with a severe head wound in a town west of the capital, Santo Domingo, and there was evidence at the scene to suggest that whoever killed him had been searching for money, said Joel Valdemiro, a prosecutor who is involved in the investigation. No suspects have been detained in this tragic case yet.

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NBA: Harden, Lin power Rockets to win in opener



James Harden

DETROIT (AFP) - Asian American star Jeremy Lin was a winner in his NBA debut with the Houston Rockets, but it was fellow newcomer James Harden who lifted the squad in a 105-96 triumph on Wednesday at Detroit.

The Rockets obtained Harden Saturday in a deal with Oklahoma City and signed a five-year contract extension worth a reported \$80 million with Houston only hours before he took the court with his new teammates.

Joining Lin in the Rockets backcourt, Harden scored 37 points on 14-of-25 shooting from the field and passed out 12 assists while grabbing six rebounds.

Lin, who sparked "Linsanity" last season with the New York Knicks in a last-chance longshot star turn off the bench,

signed a free agent deal with the Rockets that New York failed to match to find his way to the former club of retired Chinese star center Yao Ming.

In his regular-season debut with the Rockets, Lin scored 12 points on 5-of-12 shooting while passing out eight assists and pulling down four re-

bounds.

Carlos Delfino came off the bench to add 15 points for the Rockets, who trailed 58-55 at half-time and 81-72 entering the fourth quarter before Houston outscoring the Pistons 33-15.

Brandon Knight led Detroit with 15 points while Greg Monroe added 14.

American football: Penn State ex-president faces charges

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AFP) - Former Penn State University president Graham Spanier faces charges in connection with the Jerry Sandusky child molesting scandal, Pennsylvania's attorney general announced on Thursday.

Linda Kelly said Spanier has been charged with perjury, criminal conspiracy, obstruction of justice, endangering the welfare of children and failing to report the incident to child protective services as required by law.

"This is not a mistake, an oversight or a misjudgment," Kelly said. "This was a conspiracy of silence by top officials at Penn State, working to actively conceal the truth, with total disregard to the suffering of children."

Sandusky, a former assistant coach to the iconic American football squad at Penn State, was sentenced last month to between 30 and 60 years in prison after being convicted on charges of child sexual abuse.

Sandusky was convicted in June on 45 charges of sexual

abuse of 10 boys over a 15-year span. The scandal erupted last November with Sandusky's arrest and tarnished the reputation of the nationally known college gridiron program.

Spanier had been Penn State's president for 16 years before being removed on the same day that university trustees also fired legendary coach Joe Paterno as coach of the gridiron squad.

Paterno died last January after complications due to lung cancer.

New charges were also filed against former Penn State athletic director Tim Curley and vice president Gary Schultz, who had already faced charges of perjury and failure to report to child services regarding knowledge of on-campus incidents from 1998 through 2001.

Kelly said notes about the crimes were kept by Schultz in a desk drawer in his office but the file was taken to his home the day charges were filed against him.

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